

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-45 (Cancelled).

Claim 46 (Previously presented): A method for verifying compliance with ~~an~~ a finance agreement between a first party and a second party, the finance agreement associated with an asset wherein the first party provides asset financing and the second party is permitted to sell the asset associated with the finance agreement~~to the agreement maintains control over the asset under the agreement~~, the method comprising:
notifying the second party of ~~an~~ a self-audit of the asset;
requiring the second party to use a machine to electronically read encrypted data from at least one electronically-readable identification tag associated with the self-audit;
requiring the second party to send audit information based on the ~~at least one identification tag~~ encrypted data to the first party;
determining that the second party is complying or not complying with the finance agreement based on the audit information.

Claim 47 (Previously presented): The method of claim 46 wherein the asset associated with the finance agreement is selected from the set consisting of a car, a truck, a recreational vehicle, a boat, a motorcycle, construction equipment, farm equipment, manufacturing equipment, containerized freight, art, an antique, and a collectible~~is a vehicle~~.

Claims 48-49 (Cancelled).

Claim 50 (Currently amended): The method of claim ~~49~~46 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a radio frequency identification tag.

Claim 51 (Currently amended): The method of claim ~~49~~46 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a bar code.

Claim 52 (Previously presented): The method of claim 46 wherein the audit information comprises a hash.

Claim 53 (Previously presented): The method of claim 46 wherein each of the at least one identification tag is fraud resistant.

Claim 54 (Previously presented): The method of claim 53 wherein each of the at least one identification tag is self-destructing.

Claims 55-62 (Cancelled).

Claim 63 (Previously presented): The method of claim 46 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a bar code tag.

Claim 64 (Previously presented): The method of claim 63 wherein the bar code tag is self-destructing.

Claim 65 (Currently amended): A method for verifying compliance with an agreement by use of a remotely controlled, self-audit, the method comprising:

initiating the self-audit by requesting an electronic reading by a machine of at least one identification tag containing encrypted data associated with an asset;
receiving audit information based on the electronic reading by the machine of the at least one identification tag; and
determining compliance or non-compliance with the agreement based on the audit information.

Claim 66 (Currently amended): A method for verifying compliance with an agreement by use of a remotely controlled, self-audit, the method comprising:

initiating the self-audit by requesting an electronic reading by a machine of at least one identification tag containing encrypted data associated with an asset;

receiving audit information, the audit information including data based on the electronic reading
by the machine of the at least one identification tag containing the encrypted data in
combination with data associated with the self-audit or data associated with the asset; and
determining compliance or non-compliance with the agreement based on the audit information.

Claim 67 (Previously presented): The method of claim 66 wherein the data associated with
the self-audit includes an audit code.

Claim 68 (Previously presented): The method of claim 66 wherein the data associated with
the asset includes a geographic position associated with the asset.

Claim 69 (New): The method of claim 66 wherein the audit information comprises a hash.

Claim 70 (New): The method of claim 66 wherein the asset associated with the agreement is
selected from the set consisting of a car, a truck, a recreational vehicle, a boat, a motorcycle,
construction equipment, farm equipment, manufacturing equipment, containerized freight, art, an
antique, and a collectible.

Claim 71 (New): The method of claim 66 wherein the at least one identification tag includes
a radio frequency identification tag.

Claim 72 (New): The method of claim 66 wherein the at least one identification tag includes
a bar code.

Claim 73 (New): The method of claim 66 wherein the audit information comprises a hash.

Claim 74 (New): The method of claim 66 wherein each of the at least one identification tag
is fraud resistant.

Claim 75 (New): The method of claim 74 wherein each of the at least one identification tag is self-destructing.

Claim 76 (New): The method of claim 66 wherein the machine used for the electronic reading is integrated in a cell phone.

Claim 77 (New): The method of claim 65 wherein the asset associated with the agreement is selected from the set consisting of a car, a truck, a recreational vehicle, a boat, a motorcycle, construction equipment, farm equipment, manufacturing equipment, containerized freight, art, an antique, and a collectible.

Claim 78 (New): The method of claim 65 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a radio frequency identification tag.

Claim 79 (New): The method of claim 65 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a bar code.

Claim 80 (New): The method of claim 65 wherein the audit information comprises a hash.

Claim 81 (New): The method of claim 65 wherein each of the at least one identification tag is fraud resistant.

Claim 82 (New): The method of claim 81 wherein each of the at least one identification tag is self-destructing.

Claim 83 (New): The method of claim 65 wherein the machine used for the electronic reading is integrated in a cell phone.

Claim 84 (New): The method of claim 46 wherein the machine used for the electronic reading is integrated in a cell phone.

Claim 85 (New): A method for verifying compliance with a finance agreement between a first party and a second party, the finance agreement associated with an asset wherein the first party provides asset financing and the second party is permitted to sell the asset associated with the finance agreement, the method comprising:
initiating a remotely controlled machine audit of the asset by requesting an electronic reading by at least one machine within the predicted proximity of at least one identification tag containing encrypted data associated with an asset;
receiving audit information based on the electronic reading by the at least one remote machine of the at least one identification tag; and
determining compliance or non-compliance with the agreement based on the audit information.

Claim 86 (New): A method for verifying compliance with an agreement by use of a remotely controlled machine audit, the method comprising:
initiating the audit by requesting an electronic reading by at least one machine within the predicted proximity of at least one identification tag containing encrypted data associated with an asset;
receiving audit information based on the electronic reading by the at least one machine of the at least one identification tag; and
determining compliance or non-compliance with the agreement based on the audit information.

Claim 87 (New): A method for verifying compliance with an agreement by use of a remotely controlled machine audit, the method comprising:
initiating the audit by requesting an electronic reading by at least one machine within the predicted proximity of at least one identification tag containing encrypted data associated with an asset;
receiving audit information, the audit information including data based on the electronic reading by the at least one machine of the at least one identification tag containing the encrypted data in combination with data associated with the remotely controlled machine audit of data associated with the asset; and
determining compliance or non-compliance with the agreement based on the audit information.